

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th February 2012

EI80IRTS Special Callsign

As we celebrate our 80th Anniversary, a special callsign EI80IRTS is now on the air. IRTS members and affiliated clubs are invited to take part in the celebrations. If you or your club would like to activate EI80IRTS, you can contact Co-ordinators Ger McNamara EI4GXB at ei4gxb/at/ gmail.com or 087 2532512 or Thos Caffrey EI2JD at thoscaffrey /at /hotmail.com for details.

A very attractive certificate for working EI80IRTS is sponsored by Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, and details can be seen at www.ei7dar.com/ei80irts.html

IRTS 80th Anniversary AGM & Rally

Tickets for the AGM dinner on Saturday April 21st are selling fast. The event this year is hosted by Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, www.ei7dar.com Dinner tickets are just €32, this is a reduction on previous years and represents great value for this very special dinner. B&B is €55 for single and a double is €65. As dinner tickets and rooms are distributed on a first come first served basis, you are encouraged and advised to act now to avoid disappointment. The annual rally, on Sunday April 22nd, will also have its favourites and many new and novel exhibitors. This is a must attend event in the 80th Anniversary year of your national society, www.irts.ie

Dinner tickets can be bought now by contacting Thos, EI2JD on 087-2953256 or email thoscaffrey /at/ hotmail.com or by contacting any IRTS committee member. The Fairways Hotel can be contacted on 042 9321500 or www.fairways.ie

IRTS Request for Return of Trophies

It is time once again to recall all trophies presented at the 2011 IRTS, AGM in Limerick.

Trophies and Cups can be returned to any IRTS Committee Member before end of February 2012.

This will allow for engraving to be done and allow for repairs if necessary.

Early return will be appreciated. Peter EI4HX at [ei4hxperimental /at/ eircom /dot/net](mailto:ei4hxperimental@eircom.net)

Nominations For Awards for IRTS Trophies.

The time is here again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS Trophies that are required from within the membership, this includes the awards for, 1. Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio. Awards in this category can be to members or non-members.

2 Awards for other achievements.

Awards in this category [2] include the 4 and 6 Meter Shields, the SWL Award, and the awards for Quality Construction Projects. These are confined to members only.

When considering your nominations, please refer to previous successful winners as included in www.irts.ie/cgi/awards.cgi

Nominations may be from Clubs or Individuals, must be by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to the Awards Committee Members, Pat EI2HX and Jim EI4HH, or to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair of Awards Committee, QTHR, or by e-mail to [ei4hxperimental /at/ eircom /dot/ net](mailto:ei4hxperimental@eircom.net)

Closing date for nominations is 29th February 2012.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday 27 February at 8:00 p.m. in the Roanmore GAA Club, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Members are asked to attend and as always, visitors are welcome.

Please note that membership renewals for 2012 are now due. Membership costs 30 Euro and is available at a reduced rate of 20 Euro for pensioners, students and the unemployed. Please pass your payment on to any committee member or you can renew at the AGM on 27 February. Those who paid in November or December are fully paid up for 2012.

For information about the group, visit www.searg.com and you can also follow SEARG on Facebook and Twitter.

Limerick Radio Club

Rally: Limerick Radio Club rally will be held on Sunday March 11th 2012 at the Radisson Blue Hotel on the Ennis Road, Limerick. Doors open at 11am and all the usual traders will attend. Bring and Buy tables can be ordered from Dermot Gleeson EI2GT.

North Cork Radio Club

North Cork Radio Group will be activating Blackrock Castle as part of CASHOTA on the 4th March next 2 - 5pm as EI1NC/P. The Castle's reference is EI009/C. We plan to have a digi station in operation as well as possible satellite contact on the day. If you happen to be in the area, are interested in the hobby, or would like to come and visit us, we would be happy to see you. For those of you that are CASHOTA chasers, we look forward to hearing you on the air!

North Cork Radio Group are pleased to announce that they will be activating Mizen Head Visitors Centre again this year for Marconi weekend. The callsign, EI0IMD, will be on the air from 20th April - 22nd April inclusive. As you may know, Marconi Day is on 21st April this year and we will be operating over the full 24 hour period on this day in order that collectors of the Marconi Award will have the opportunity to add us to their list. Mizen Head is a beautiful location and well worth a visit.

Craggy Island DXpedition Group

We are delighted to announce that the Craggy Island Dxpediton Group has received its new callsign EI0TED which of course will be EJ0TED when operating from offshore Islands. Special thanks to Mr Derek O'Reilly in ComReg for putting our application through and keeping in touch about the progress.

It just remains for us to put together or plan of action for the forthcoming year and hopefully the weather will be with us. Much of the equipment has now been procured for the Island operations but the group is still waiting on a lighttight beam and a small Honda generator to complete the list. If there are more than two operations the Galway VHF Group Callsign, EI4ALE, will also be in use. These operations will contribute towards the WAI award scheme and also the WAI Islands award. The IOTA contest is certainly on the cards this year.

Our plans will be announced through the IRTS News Services and also on the Galway VHF Group news blog at www.galwayvhfgroup.com and we look forward to working as many as possible during our activations.

Talk on Amateur Television

As Part of Engineers Week members of South Dublin Radio Club will be giving a talk on Amateur Television on Thursday 1st of March. Rather than taking place where the club normally meets this will take place as part of a range of talks on Technology and will be held in Dublin city centre. More details are on the venues website: www.tog.ie

Every Tuesday the club will continue to demonstrate the new television repeater as part of the normal weekly meetings.

DX News

Bob N7MSU will be QRV again from Belize from 26 February until 15 March. He will use the callsign V31SU. Look for him on all bands 40 – 10m. QSLs go via his home call.

Alan G4XAQ will activate C56XA from the Gambia from 27 February until 15 March. Another station from the Gambia this week will be Luc F5RAV using the callsign C5LT. He will be there until 2 March.

Brian K1LI will sign J7Y from the Caribbean island of Dominica from now until 13 March. QSL info is via his home call.

The well known DXer Nigel G3TXF, who has recently returned from the Pitcairn Islands where he was one of the operators at VP6T, is on his travels again. This time his destination is St Helena in the southern Atlantic where he will sign ZD7XF. Dates are 29 February until 13 March with QSLs going via the home call.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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